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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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| Application No.: | 10/586,866 | Examiner: | S. M. Hepperle |
| Filing Date: | July 21, 2006 | Art Unit: | 3753 |
| First Inventor: | Keitaro YONEZAWA | Customer No.: | 23364 |
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| For: | FLOW CONTROL VALVE AND CYLINDER APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME | | |

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and 1.114 TO OFFICE ACTION
OF FEBRUARY 6, 2009 AND ADVISORY ACTION OF MAY 6, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated February 6, 2009, and the subsequent Advisory Action dated May 6, 2009 in the above application wherein claims 1-7 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A petition and appropriate fee to extend the period of reply by 2 months are concurrently filed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.